

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In accordance with the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 regarding non-statutory matter, please replace lines 19-27 on page 3 and lines 1-5 on page 4 with the following lines:

It should also be understood that the techniques of the present invention may be implemented using a variety of technologies. For example, the methods described herein may be implemented in software executing on a computer system, or implemented in hardware utilizing either a combination of microprocessors or other specially designed application specific integrated circuits, programmable logic devices, or various combinations thereof. In particular, the methods described herein may be implemented by a series of computer-executable instructions residing on a suitable computer-readable medium. Suitable computer-readable media may include volatile (e.g., RAM) and/or non-volatile (e.g., ROM, disk) memory, ~~carrier waves and transmission media (e.g., copper wire, coaxial cable, fiber optic media). Exemplary carrier waves may take the form of electrical, electromagnetic or optical signals conveying digital data streams along a local network, a publicly accessible network such as the Internet or some other communication link. However, this does not include computer instruction signals embodied in a transmission medium (with or without a carrier wave upon which the signals are modulated).~~